

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

May 2009

NEWS & EVENTS

"Golf for Greenwave Graduates" Who Attend WNC

Golf Course @ Fallon

Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$50 per person

Information: Ginny Dugan – 775-423-5186

Each year Western's golf tournament makes a big difference in the lives of Churchill County High School students. Last year's tournament raised almost \$3,000 and provided scholarships for six local high school students to attend the college. Prizes will be given for shots closest to the hole and longest drive. Participants will receive tee prizes and an excellent lunch. There is a maximum of 18 four-person teams and businesses or individuals can sponsor a hole and prizes. For entry or sponsorship forms, or to donate raffle prizes, contact Ginny Dugan at 423-5186, dugan@wnc.edu.

College Honors Outstanding Faculty and Staff

English professors Chad McCully and Dr. Ursula Carlson have been chosen academic faculty members of the year. Professor McCully helped organize the first Assessment Symposium for the college and piloted a



Dr. Ursula Carlson, left, receives academic faculty member of the year award from Stephanie

new version of an online teaching program. Dr. Carlson is known as a gifted teacher who also works tirelessly outside of the classroom, including several years as co-advisor for Phi Theta Kappa student honor society. Senior Graphic Designer Michelle Peltier and Dean of Student Services Executive Assistant Lupe Ramirez received top classified employee honors. College Webmaster Kevin Murphy and Financial Assistance Coordinator Laura Whitelaw have been honored as administrators of the year. Each

college division has also honored an outstanding part-time faculty member: Vance Hughey, Business; Kevin Burns, Communication and Fine Arts; Penny Nicely, Science, Math and Engineering; Tom Kubistant, Social Science, Education, Humanities and Public Service; and Michael Becker, Technology.

ATHLETICS

WESTERN WINS SWAC BASEBALL TITLE!

Baseball Team Hosts Tourney; Softball Team Heads to Salt Lake



Catcher Jerome Pena rounds the bases in an April home game.

Congratulations to the Wildcats baseball team that won the regular season Scenic West Athletic Conference title. WNC will host the six-team tournament championship at John L. Harvey Field on campus Wednesday, May 6, through Saturday, May 9. WNC opens play on Thursday, 10 a.m., against the winner of the Salt Lake/Eastern Utah game. Admission is free to WNC students with valid ID. Tickets for faculty/staff/public are \$10 per day or \$25 for the entire tournament.

The first-year Wildcats softball team will play in the SWAC softball conference tournament in Salt Lake City, which also runs May 6-9. WNC will play North Idaho College Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Go 'Cats!

<http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/>

ARTS

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Friday-Sunday, May 8-10 & 15-17

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Carson City Community Center

Tickets: 445-4249

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company provides the thunder and lightning with the Andrew Lloyd Webber spectacular, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," playing weekends at the Carson City Community Center May 8-17. The show is a lovely, comic and colorful journey through the Biblical story of young Joseph, sold into slavery by his brothers after his father favored him with a gorgeous colored cloak. His gift of prophecy saves him from an uncertain fate and helps him to rescue Egypt from famine. Animated with a high-energy mix of music and dancing from 50's rock to calypso to country western, this show is a favorite with casts and audiences alike. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-04-07a.php>



"Always Lost" Art Show

Thursday, May 28-Friday, Aug. 14

College Gallery, Bristlecone Building, Carson City

Reception 6 p.m., Thursday, May 28

The faces of 4,000 American service members who have died serving in Iraq are the inspiration for a unique display of photos, facts, poems and prose this summer. The show features a collaboration between a sociology class that researched and quantified the impersonal demographics of the Iraq War, and a creative writing class that personalized the war through poems and prose. Don't miss it!

Pottery Sale To Benefit Ceramics Classes

WNC Art faculty members Jill Brugler and Grant Kremers will have a small pottery sale on Wednesday, May 6, at the College Gallery, WNC Carson City, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will go into a fund for purchasing equipment needed in the ceramics classes.

COLLEGE CORNER

Students Look Forward to Commencement in Carson City and Fallon

Approximately 383 WNC students will don caps and gowns for the 2009 commencement ceremonies. The Fallon event is scheduled for the Barkley Theater at Oats Park in Fallon on Monday, May 18; the Carson City ceremony is at the Carson City Community Center on Tuesday, May 19. Former Regent Howard Rosenberg and WNC Foundation Chair Roger Williams will receive honorary associate degrees from Western. Both ceremonies start at 7 p.m. Those receiving diplomas should check in by 6 p.m.

Summer '09 Graduation Deadline Coming Up

WNC students who plan to apply for graduation this summer need to start the process now. Students: check with your academic counselor now to determine if you are eligible for graduation. If so, your graduation application must be received in Admissions and Records by Monday, June 15. Your \$20 fee OR receipt must accompany your application. Most degrees require 60 credits to complete. Most certificates require 30 credits to complete. If you transfer credits in from other colleges, you must complete at least 15 WNC credits for each degree or certificate. Summer 2009 graduates may attend the May 2010 commencement ceremonies. <http://www.wnc.edu/graduation>

WNC Student Represents Nevada in National Scholarship Competition



Nursing student Josh Pierce has overcome adversity in his life and his career at Western has taken him in a whole new direction. Pierce has been chosen the top community college student in Nevada in the All-USA Academic Team sponsored by Coca-Cola and USA Today. The honor carries a \$2,000 stipend. Pierce said it was ironic that a downturn in the economy has led him to where he is today. "It seems like if someone had suggested this to me I would have been afraid to do it. What I've done is out of necessity, and it's worked out better than I imagined."

Lambins Honored by Prudential for 'Spirit of Community'

Western students Rachael and John-Henry Lambin from Gardnerville have earned national recognition from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Rachael was also chosen as one of 250 finalists in the 2008-2009 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Rachael, 19, created and leads "Visionary Hands," a program that uses drawing, painting, sculpting and public speaking to bring people together and promote community service. Her classes also serve to motivate students to volunteer, raise funds, and serve others locally and internationally.



WNC President Carol Lucey presents Prudential Spirit awards to John-Henry and Rachael Lambin.

John-Henry, 16, created "Safe Hands," a program designed to help educate youth about firearm safety. Rachael and her brother have also been recognized in the past for their efforts to build three school buildings in one of Nairobi, Kenya's worst slums. The pair raised money to build and equip the schools.

Lauren Tucker and Will Adler Present Speeches

WNC students Lauren Tucker and Will Adler presented speeches at the annual Alliance of Racial Minorities speech contest. Each year ARM, with the help of Microsoft, sponsors a speech contest for the colleges and universities in northern Nevada. This year's topic: "How did the 2008 presidential election affect people's views of diversity, and how might it change the future of U.S. politics and society?" Western's Lane Simonian is currently the ARM president and coordinated the speech contest. Congratulations to Lane and to our students.

Western's Earth Week Activities a Big Success



Both the passion and the means to tread more lightly upon the earth were presented at the 39th anniversary of Earth Day. A wide range of filmmaking was on display at the college's first "Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival." Earth Day displays included a "wind spire," a

This backyard wind mill may be the power of the future.

Western student and auto dealer employee Jessica Carnett checks out a hybrid.



vertical axis turbine that can be installed in a backyard and used to power a home. Hybrid and electric cars were shown on Rotary Plaza. Western is also continuing its classes by the Specialty Crop Institute on various crops that use a fraction of the amount of water used for the area's traditional crop, alfalfa.

College Pulls Together for Adult Basic Education Move

Thanks to all who pulled together to make Adult Basic Education's temporary move from the third floor of the Bristlecone Building to the Dini Library as smooth as possible. The move was necessitated by construction on campus. It took a cooperative effort involving three departments to lift and move computer stations in the ABE room, relocate computers and haul filing cabinets and boxes to the new location. Thanks to all who helped from ABE, Facilities Maintenance, and Computer Services.

<http://www.wnc.edu/student-services/abe/>